



Joint Information Center

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

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Joint Information Center Closing Sunday, January 14

Joint Information Center, Grand Island, NE:

The Joint Information Center (JIC), established as a point of contact and central source for information regarding the December ice storms in central Nebraska, will close at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 14, 2007. Media inquiries will be handled from FEMA's Joint Field Office after that point.

The JIC is the public information arm of the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC), which has brought together federal, state and local agencies, public power districts, and governmental representatives in one coordinated location.

The closing of the MACC comes as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) establishes its Joint Field Office (JFO) to manage the federal response under the Presidential emergency declaration. As a part of the JFO, State entities will join the Federal operation.

Representatives of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) will be co-locating at the Joint Field Office with the FEMA offices, and information will be released from that facility as a joint operation with FEMA Public Affairs.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Public Affairs office at the JFO at (703) 254-7877.